

### REMARKS

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for granting a telephonic interview on April 14, 2004. During this interview, amended Claim 1 (as presented in this response) was discussed in light of the prior art of record. The Examiner agreed that limiting the "controllers" of the present application to "Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs)" would overcome the art of record. Per the Examiner's suggestion, the claims, summary, abstract, and detailed description of the present application have been amended to limit the "controllers" of the present application to "Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs)." No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. In view of these amendments, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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